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Stated Meeting, January 15, 1892.

Present, 47 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A circular from the Observatoire National Astronomique et Météorologique d'Athènes, asking exchanges, which was agreed to.

A circular from M. Julio N. Rosas, announcing his appointment as Director Général de Statistique de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, La Plata.

A circular from the Royal Geographical Society, on the orthography of geographical names.

Letters of envoy from the Observatory, Adelaide, S. Australia; Biblioteca N. C. di Firenze; Musée Guimet, Paris; Meteorological Office, Zoölogical Society, London, Eng.

Letters of acknowledgment from the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, Melbourne, Victoria (131–134); Tokyo Library (135); Prof. Dr. Ludwig Rütimeyer, Basel, Switzerland (135); Direccion General de Estadistica de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, La Plata (131, 132, 133, 134).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Observatory, Adelaide, Australia; Count R. d'Hulst, Alexandria, Egypt; Anthropological Society, Tokyo; Société Imp. des Naturalestes, Moscow; Physical Central-Observatoriums, Bibliotheque Geologique de la Russie, St. Petersburg; Academie R. de Belgique, Bruxelles; K. Nordiske Oldskrift Selskab, Copenhagen; Physiologische Gesellschaft, Berlin; R. Ministero della Instruzione Publica, Firenze; R. Istituto Lombardo, Milan; Société des Antiquaires de Picardie, Amiens, France; Société Historique, Littéraire, etc., Du Cher, Bourges; Société de Borda, Dax; Société des Sciences Naturelles, etc., de la Creuse, Guéret; Société des Sciences Naturelles, La Rochelle; École des Mines, Musée Guimet, Société Zoologique de France, Société D'Anthropologie, Société N. des Antiquaires de France,

Paris; Société de Géographie, Toulouse; Académie N. des Sciences, etc., Bordeaux; Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie, Saint Omer; Zoölogical Society, London; Geological Society, Manchester; Natural History Society, Montreal; Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba, Winnepeg; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; Travelers' Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.; Editors of the "American Journal of Science," Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Conn.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Storrs, Conn.; Mathematical Society, New York; Engineers' Club, College of Pharmacy, Franklin Institute, Hydrographic Office, Dr. Charles A. Oliver, Philadelphia; State Board of Health, Nashville; Experiment Station of Florida, Lake City; Editor of "Journal of Comparative Neurology," Cincinnati, O.; Sociedad Cientifica "Antonio Alzate," Mexico.

The decease of the following members was announced:

General Montgomery C. Meigs, Washington, D. C.; born May 3, 1816; died January 2, 1892.

Mr. Addison May, West Chester, Pa.; died January 8, 1892, æt. 80.

Mr. Edward Penington, Philadelphia; died December, 1891.

Prof. Jean Louis Armand de Quatrefages, at Paris, January 12, 1892, æt. 82.

This being the evening for the selection of the Standing Committees of the Society, for the ensuing year, on motion the President was authorized to appoint the same, which he subsequently did as follows:

Finance.

William B. Rogers, Philip C. Garrett, Charles S. Wurts.

Hall.

J. Sergeant Price, William A. Ingham, Charles A. Oliver.

Publication.

Daniel G. Brinton, George H. Horn, Samuel Wagner, Patterson Du Bois, Horace Jayne.

Library.

Edwin J. Houston, William John Potts, Jesse Y. Burk,
William H. Greene, William S. Baker.

Michaux Legacy.

Thomas Meehan, J. Sergeant Price, William M. Tilghman,
Isaac Burk, Isaac C. Martindale.

Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund.

Richard Vaux, Henry Phillips, Jr., William V. McKean,
Furman Sheppard, Joseph C. Fraley,
The President and the Treasurer of the Society, *ex officio.*

This being the evening for the election of Librarian, a ballot was held and the tellers reported that Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., had received 28 votes and Mr. Benjamin Smith Lyman had received 12 votes; whereupon Mr. Phillips was declared duly elected Librarian for the ensuing year.

[Secretary Phillips present and not voting.]

Pending nominations Nos. 1232 and 1233, and new nominations Nos. 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239 and 1240 were read.

The Committee appointed to examine the paper of Prof. Cope, offered at the last meeting for the Transactions, reported progress and was continued.

Dr. Brinton presented the following papers for the Proceedings: "On the Mazatecan Language of Mexico, and its Affinities," and "Observations on the Chinantec Language of Mexico."

The Committee on the Michaux Legacy presented a paper on "The Temperate and Alpine Floras of the Giant Volcanoes of Mexico," by Prof. Angelo Heilprin, which was ordered to be printed as a part of its report.

The report of the Committee, on the Publications of the Society, appointed December, 1890, was then taken up.

The report was then read, signed by the Chairman and three

other members of the Committee, the Chairman stating in answer to inquiry that the signature of the other member was withheld on account of his not approving the second resolution. The resolutions were then read as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society be issued quarterly, and also at more frequent periods whenever an amount of matter is ready for press, which will make sixty-four pages of text, but so as not to interfere with the regularity of the quarterly issue.

Resolved, 2. That in order to permit estimates of the cost of illustrations, authors shall submit either completed drawings or the specimens to be drawn; and that the Secretaries shall accept either as sufficient basis for the publication of articles otherwise unobjectionable.

On motion of Dr. Frazer, the Society proceeded to the consideration of report of the first resolution. A debate took place thereon, participated in by Messrs. Price, Morris, Houston, Cope, Frazer, Barker, Vaux, Martindale and Horn.

Mr. Martindale moved to strike out all after the word "quarterly" and to insert thereafter the words "provided sufficient material shall be furnished for that purpose."

The amendment being put to a vote was carried and a vote being taken on the resolution as amended it was adopted.

The question then arising on the adoption of the second resolution, Dr. Brinton stated his reasons for declining to recommend the same, and offered as an amendment the substitution of the word "may" for "shall" in the third line, to read "the Secretaries may, etc."

The amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, the Society adjourned.